

controls the easy access of guns among minors.

I ask that an article about this tragedy be printed in the RECORD.

The article follows:

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**K-COLLEGE STUDENTS SEARCH FOR ANSWERS—
MURDER-SUICIDE LEAVES MANY WONDERING
WHAT THEY COULD HAVE DONE TO STOP IT**

(By Lynn Turner and Mark Fisk)

The students came in groups of two or 10, quietly walking toward "The Quad" of Kalamazoo College just before noon on Monday.

By the time college President James Jones stepped to the portable podium on the east end of the grassy clearing, more than 300 students had gathered—eerily silent—to hear words that, maybe, would answer the question "Why?"

Why had junior Neenef Odah, 20, a computer science major, shot sophomore Margaret Wardle, 19, to death and then turned the shotgun on himself in an apparent murder-suicide?

Could others have recognized some sign and stopped the carnage?

"There is, to date, not a single indication that any of us could have foreseen what was festering in Neenef's mind and what drove him in the end to commit such a deed," Jones said as an occasional sob was heard from those at the gathering. "I ask you, therefore, on this serene quad, on this autumnal day, not to second-guess yourself.

"We shall not succeed today to make any sense of this endless night and their senseless deaths. All we mortals can do is hold tight to each other."

After Jones ended his 15-minute speech and walked away, the students continued to stand and sit in a ragged semicircle until some began shifting, forming knots of hugging students who cleared away each other's tears.

JEALOUSY POSSIBLE MOTIVE

Witnesses told police they heard a heated argument coming from within Odah's dorm room in DeWaters Hall around midnight Monday.

"They heard a female yelling, then some loud bangs," said Capt. Jerome Bryant of the Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety.

If Odah planned the shooting, he kept his intentions private. Several students told the Kalamazoo Gazette there were no warning signs that Wardle's life was in danger.

Police combing the school for clues also came up empty-handed.

Even talks with Wardle's mother and stepfather, and Odah's father on Monday shed no light on any problems between the two, Jones said.

Jealousy is considered the prime motive in the incident. The two had dated on and off for the past year.

"There was a homecoming dance over the weekend in which both people were in attendance," Bryant said. "She was dancing with another K-College student and possibly this is what invoked his rage."

The weapon used was a bolt-action shotgun, Bryant said. Wardle was shot at least twice.

"He had purchased it legally from a Kalamazoo-area gun dealer earlier this month," Bryant said.

SORTING IT OUT

About 25 minutes after the meeting, about 100 students remained in the quad. The mood remained heavy despite the sunshine.

The Rev. Ken Schmidt, pastor of St. Thomas More Student Parish, and pastoral team

member Andy Lothschultz wandered among the students, offering hugs and shoulders on which to cry.

"I don't have anything to tell them that can make sense of something that doesn't make much sense," Schmidt said. "All I can do is listen and help them to process it for themselves."

Jessie Sheidt, finance director for K-College's Student Commission, was one of those trying to make sense of things. Although she didn't know either student directly, Sheidt said a friend of hers was a friend of Wardle's. "There's a total trust between students on this campus," she said of the 1,300-member student body.

Bad things don't happen here, she said. At least they're not supposed to.

Simone Lutz, president of the Student Commission, said that belief was the topic at hand during early morning meetings she had with students.

"We all think it doesn't happen here, but in all reality it does," she said.

But it hasn't shattered the bonds between students.

"The cocoon is still very much intact," Lutz said. "When something happens, we all come together. It develops a much closer bond to see people out here who care so much about the people who we've lost. . . . It's amazing, and I think it's an incredibly heartwarming thing."

ZERO TOLERANCE FOR WEAPONS

During a media briefing following Jones' speech at the quad, his patience slipped—showing the toll of the previous 12 hours—when he was asked what, if any, new information he had.

"We don't know any more than we knew this morning," he said curtly. "We have two dead students and a grieving campus."

Outside counselors are augmenting the college's staff at residence halls and Stetson Chapel, he said.

When asked about the weapon used in the apparent murder-suicide, Jones said that neither he nor Odah's roommate had a clue as to when it came into the dorm room or how long it had been there.

The roommate, who has not been identified except as a Hornet football player, was working in the college's ceramics studio at the time of the incident. He, along with two suite-mates, have been moved to new quarters, Jones said.

K-College has long had a zero tolerance policy for having weapons on campus, including weapons used as theatrical and sports-related equipment, said Marilyn LaPlante, a vice president there. This fall it became the basis for suspension.

Jones called for tighter gun control measures during his talk to students.

"I wish every congressman in Washington who has taken a position against gun control could walk on this campus this tragic day," he said. "I would imagine that a moment or two here would drive them to change the laws of the land tomorrow morning."

Wardle showed much promise.

Although few could make sense of Monday's tragic events, everyone agreed that Wardle was a young woman full of potential. A science teacher called the National Honor Society member one of two of the most intelligent students he'd encountered.

Plainwell High School Principal Linda Iciek called her "a lovely young woman of character . . . an outstanding student who will be missed by students and staff alike."

Little is known of Odah. Jones said Odah was not an athlete on any school team. He didn't have information regarding any of Odah's extracurricular activities.

Sarah Ayres, Wardle's best friend, said Wardle was good at "anything she did.

"She was really smart, she was top-notch, but she was so modest she would never flaunt it," Ayres said. "She was the kind of person that had great things coming."

Ayres and her boyfriend had gone on a double date with Wardle and Odah, but saw nothing to lead her to believe their relationship would end in violence.

"He seemed like a normal person and she never said something" to indicate anything was wrong, Ayres said. "I think he was thinking it was more serious than she did. She broke it off with him this year and started going out with other people this summer. . . . I know he wanted her back the whole time."

Ayres' father had the task of informing his daughter of the deaths by telephone Monday. Ayres is studying in Mexico through a Hope College program.

"I couldn't hardly believe it at first," Ayres said. "She was like the fourth daughter in my family, so my dad was real shook up, too. We're all shook up. She was such an extraordinary person." ●

**CONGRATULATING THE NEW YORK
YANKEES AND THE NEW YORK
METS ON THEIR SUCCESSFUL
SEASONS**

● Mr. MOYNIHAN. Mr. President, I rise today to add my voice to those of millions of New Yorkers to thank two treasured teams for a most memorable baseball season in the Empire State. We seldom enjoy such sweet success from both our major league teams, and in this regard our season has been unique. Our revered Bronx Bombers competed in typical Yankee fashion and have earned yet another World Series berth: their third in four years, 36th of the century. Meanwhile, our equally cherished Mets brought us an emotionally-lifting season and for a remarkable month faithfully lived up to their moniker "The Amazin's." Each team achieved its success with character and class, and I would like to speak on these attributes.

This year's Mets provided us with a look into the gloried past as they continually conjured up wins worthy of the fabled '69 Miracle Mets. The last month of the season was a window into the Mets heart and soul, the view enthralling. Each time their prospects dimmed the gentlemen from Queens rose to the challenge. From a one-game playoff to enter the Division Series, to the final 26 roller-coaster innings of games five and six of the National League Championship Series, the Amazin's captivated New York with their relentless play.

These victories were earned by a collection of individuals epitomizing all that makes New York great. Al Leiter's pivotal shutout of the Reds advanced New York to the Division Series. Todd Pratt, substituting for the mighty Mike Piazza, won the Division Series with a storybook home run. Rookie Melvin Mora led the Mets in hitting in the NLCS. Perhaps the ultimate New York moment was Robin

Ventura's "Grand Single" in the bottom of the 15th inning of Game 5 to win. Together, these players captivated us for a month of remarkable baseball. No game was out of reach and we watched in awed appreciation. Unfortunately, even these Miracle Mets reached the end of the road, a mere two wins shy of the World Series. But there is great pride in New York today for these Mets have soared.

We are blessed with another baseball team in New York. The Yankees are the greatest franchise in the history of sports and this season they have continued to meet their own lofty standards. Their quiet confidence and unsailable professionalism have powered them to a rematch with their 1996 World Series opponents, the Atlanta Braves. This matchup will determine who is the best team of the '90's and there is little doubt that the Yankees will bring their best to this pursuit.

The character of the Yankee team is unassailable. Joe Torre has fashioned a team in his own typically modest image. When an early season bout with cancer stole Torre from the team the Yanks rallied around their manager and maintained the unity that he created. This toughness of character was displayed throughout the season and into the playoffs. Paul O'Neill's gritty play with a broken rib best exemplifies the type of play the Yankees have given for Torre. With the dominance of "El Duque" Orlando Hernandez and Mariano Rivera the Yankees intimidated the Rangers and defeated the Red Sox. And of course the perpetually unflappable Ramiro Mendoza was pivotal in carrying us in times of trouble. With this team effort the Yankees have given Torre their best. It is with great anticipation that we look forward to the Yankees picking up the banner for the honor of New York.

Near the end of the regular season, as the Mets prospects looked bleak, one Atlanta player uncharitably suggested that New York fans shed their loyalty for the Mets and give their allegiance to the Yankees. The Mets very nearly proved this player wrong.

With great charity a united New York responds: Chipper, we'll see you in the Bronx.●

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Acting in my individual capacity as a Senator from Kansas, I ask unanimous consent that there now be a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes.

Without objection, it is so ordered.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 1770

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Acting in my individual capacity as a Senator

from Kansas, I understand that S. 1770, which was introduced by Senator LOTT and others, is at the desk. I ask for its first reading.

The clerk will read the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1770) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the research and development credit and to extend certain other expiring provisions for 30 months, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. I now ask for its second reading and object to my own request.

Objection is heard.

IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT AMENDMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Acting in my capacity as an individual Senator from Kansas, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 168, H.R. 441.

The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 441) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to the requirements of the admission of non-immigrant nurses who will practice in health professional shortage areas.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

AMENDMENT NO. 2326

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senators LOTT and DASCHLE have an amendment at the desk.

The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS), for Mr. LOTT and Mr. DASCHLE, proposes an amendment numbered 2326.

The amendment is as follows:

At the end of the bill add the following:

SEC. . NATIONAL INTEREST WAIVERS OF JOB OFFER REQUIREMENTS FOR ALIENS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE PROFESSIONS HOLDING ADVANCED DEGREES OR ALIENS OF EXCEPTIONAL ABILITY.

Section 203(b)(2)(B) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1153(b)(2)(B)) is amended to read as follows:

"(B) WAIVER OF JOB OFFER.—

"(i) NATIONAL INTEREST WAIVER.—Subject to clause (ii), the Attorney General may, when the Attorney General deems it to be in the national interest, waive the requirements of subparagraph (A) that an alien's services in the sciences, arts, professions, or business be sought by an employer in the United States.

"(ii) PHYSICIANS WORKING IN SHORTAGE AREAS OR VETERANS FACILITIES.—

"(I) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General shall grant a national interest waiver pursuant to clause (i) on behalf of any alien physician with respect to whom a petition for preference classification has been filed under subparagraph (A) if—

"(aa) the alien physician agrees to work full time as a physician in an area or areas designated by the Secretary of Health and Human Services as having a shortage of health care professionals or at a health care facility under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and

"(bb) a Federal agency or a department of public health in any State has previously de-

termined that the alien physician's work in such an area or at such facility was in the public interest.

"(II) PROHIBITION.—No permanent resident visa may be issued to an alien physician described in subclause (I) by the Secretary of State under section 204(b), and the Attorney General may not adjust the status of such an alien physician from that of a nonimmigrant alien to that of a permanent resident alien under section 245, until such time as the alien has worked full time as a physician for an aggregate of five years (not including the time served in the status of an alien described in section 101(a)(15)(J)), in an area or areas designated by the Secretary of Health and Human Services as having a shortage of health care professionals or at a health care facility under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

"(III) STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this subparagraph may be construed to prevent the filing of a petition with the Attorney General for classification under section 204(a), or the filing of an application for adjustment of status under section 245, by an alien physician described in subclause (I) prior to the date by which such alien physician has completed the service described in subclause (II).

"(IV) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The requirements of this subsection do not affect waivers on behalf of alien physicians approved under section 203(b)(2)(B) before the enactment date of this subsection. In the case of a physician for whom an application for a waiver was filed under Section 203(b)(2)(B) prior to November 1, 1998, the Attorney General shall grant a national interest waiver pursuant to Section 203(b)(2)(B) except that the alien is required to have worked full time as a physician for an aggregate of three years (not including time served in the status of an alien described in section 101(a)(15)(J)) before a visa can be issued to the alien under Section 204(b) or the status of the alien is adjusted to permanent resident under Section 245."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. I ask unanimous consent that the amendment be agreed to.

The amendment (No. 2326) was agreed to.

AMENDMENT NO. 2327

The PRESIDING OFFICER. There is a second amendment at the desk.

The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS), for Mr. HATCH, proposes an amendment numbered 2327.

The amendment is as follows:

At the end of the bill insert the following:

SEC. . FURTHER CLARIFICATION OF TREATMENT OF CERTAIN INTERNATIONAL ACCOUNTING FIRMS.

Section 206(a) of the Immigration Act of 1990 (8 U.S.C. 1101 note) is amended to read as follows:

"(a) CLARIFICATION OF TREATMENT OF CERTAIN INTERNATIONAL ACCOUNTING AND MANAGEMENT CONSULTING FIRMS.—In applying sections 101(a)(15)(L) and 203(b)(1)(C) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, and for no other purpose, in the case of a partnership that is organized in the United States to provide accounting or management consulting services and that markets its accounting or management consulting services under an internationally recognized name under an agreement with a worldwide coordinating organization that is collectively owned and controlled by the member accounting and